

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: HIGH SPEED SURGICAL CUTTING INSTRUMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2007, in which a Restriction Requirement was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Group I (claims 1-139) and Group II (claims 140-144). In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-139) without traverse.

In addition, a Species Requirement was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified species of Species i (FIG. 1), Species ii (FIG. 3), Species iii (FIG. 4), Species iv (FIG. 5), Species v (FIG. 6), Species vi (FIG. 7), Species vii (FIG. 8), Species viii (FIG. 9A), Species ix (FIG. 10), Species x (FIG. 11A), Species xi (FIG. 11B), Species xii (FIG. 12). In response, Applicant hereby elects Species i (FIG. 1) without traverse. Further, Applicant identifies claims 1-12, 26-38, 44-59, 65-78, 84-94, 100-110, 116-124, and 130-134 as being readable upon the elected Species i. At least independent claims 1, 26, 44, 65, 84, 100, 116, and 130 are generic with respect to Species i-vi and viii-xii.

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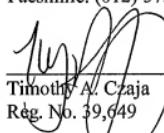
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